



WILDLIFE / BIOLOGICAL POSITIONS

Available beginning spring 2011 at the
Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex
(questions about any position can be directed to 401-364-9124)



Seasonal Plover Biological Technician (GS-05) March 13-August 29 - \$16.40/hr

- Responsible for locating, monitoring and protection of nesting piping plover and least tern on beaches throughout southern Rhode Island, includes weekends and holidays
- Oversee crew of interns and daily coordination of field crew
- Apply at www.usajobs.gov (contact: Erin King) - to be advertised shortly

Plover Internships (3 positions) April 18-August 13, but flexible - \$215/wk + housing

- Responsible for protection and monitoring of federally protected piping plovers, least terns, and American oystercatchers in southern Rhode Island
- Work will include weekends and holidays. Previous birding experience is preferred. Driver's license required.
- Send letter of interest, resume, and contact information for 3 references by February 11 to Erin_King@fws.gov OR mail to Erin King, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown RI 02813.

Invasive Plant Internship (2 positions) May 23-August 19 - \$215/wk + housing

- Responsible for assisting with control of exotic invasive plants and annual monitoring of rare plants.
- Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references by February 11 to Rhonda Smith, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Rhonda_Smith@fws.gov

Salt marsh Bird Bander/Technician (1 position) May 23-August 19 \$2000/month + housing

- Responsible for operating mist-nets, banding saltmarsh sparrows and conducting secretive marshbird surveys
- Must have prior experience mist-netting songbirds and conducting point counts
- Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references by February 11 to Rhonda Smith, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Rhonda_Smith@fws.gov

Salt marsh/Bird Banding Internship (1 position) May 23-October 28 - \$215/wk + housing

- Responsible for assisting with research in RI salt marsh habitats, including nest searching and monitoring, bird population monitoring, and bird banding.
- Also responsible for assisting with surveys, mist netting and banding of fall migrating songbirds.
- Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references by February 11 to Erin King, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Erin_King@fws.gov

Salt marsh Internship (1 position) May 23-August 19 - \$215/wk + housing

- Responsible for assisting with research in RI salt marsh habitats, including nest searching and monitoring, secretive salt marsh bird surveys, and bird banding.
- Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references by February 11 to Erin King, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Erin_King@fws.gov



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Detailed Descriptions of Internships



PIPING PLOVER INTERNSHIP. Three interns are needed to work as part of the Piping Plover recovery project with the USFWS in Rhode Island. This project monitors federally protected Piping Plovers, state protected Least Terns, and species of concern American Oystercatchers on federal, state, and private property in southern Rhode Island. The majority of the work will be done outdoors monitoring these species during the nesting season. Duties include erecting nest exclosures, educating the public, monitoring plover pairs and chicks, and recording data. Applicants must be in good physical shape and able to hike long distances. Work will include weekends and holidays. Previous birding experience and a valid US driver's license are required. Position extends from April 18 - August 13 2011 (some flexibility). Salary \$215/week + housing. Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references to Erin King, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Erin.King@fws.gov

INVASIVE PLANT INTERNSHIP. Rhode Island's 400 miles of coastline include coastal wildlife habitat as well as public beaches, walking trails, shoreline cliffs, and historical lighthouses. New England's coastal habitat currently faces a number of threats including aggressive exotic invasive plant species. Interns will carry out much needed control of invasive plants threatening coastal shrub-scrub and salt-marsh habitat, which are critical to migrating and breeding birds, as well as other species of wildlife. Control methods include hand-pulling, herbicide application, and cutting and digging with hand tools. Duties also include conducting annual monitoring of rare plants such as *Agalinis acuta* (sandplain gerardia) and *Platanthera ciliaris* (yellow-fringed orchid), and habitat mapping using GPS technology. Applicants must possess excellent field botany skills, and have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions, especially heat and humidity, endure biting insects, and to work well with others. Additionally, applicants must have the physical ability to hike while carrying tools and bagged plants, and possess a valid driver's license. Experience using GPS units is a plus. Two positions available from May 23 to August 19. Compensation \$215/wk plus housing. Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references to Rhonda Smith, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Rhonda.Smith@fws.gov

SALT MARSH INTERNSHIP. New England salt marshes provide critical habitat for a number of plant and animal species, many of high conservation value. Interns will assist the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex in monitoring salt-marsh breeding birds and overall salt-marsh ecological integrity. Responsibilities include Saltmarsh Sparrow mist-netting and banding, nest searching and monitoring, and bird and vegetation surveys. Applicants must possess the ability to identify eastern birds by sight and sound; to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions, especially heat and humidity; to endure biting insects; to work well with others; and to hike over uneven terrain while carrying equipment. Applicants also must possess a valid driver's license and be willing to assist with other refuge projects such as invasive plant eradication, water quality sampling, and plover program needs. Experience mist-netting songbirds and kayaking are preferred. Two positions available: May 23 to August 19 (13 weeks) OR May 23 to October 28 (23 weeks). The 23 week position will also include assisting with mist-netting and banding of fall migratory songbirds. Compensation \$215/wk plus housing. Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for 3 references to Erin King, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 OR email materials to Erin.King@fws.gov